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FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5668
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DEPT FOR M/MED; ALSO PLEASE PASS U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE,
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL

FRANKFURT FOR PER AND GSO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: AMED, ASUP, CFED
SUBJECT: HEPATITIS EPIDEMIC IN SOUTHERN POLAND

1. OUR CONSULATE IN KRAKOW HAS REPORTED THAT POLISH PUBLIC
HEALTH OFFICIALS IN THE DISTRICT CAPITAL OF NOWY SACZ HAVE
CONFIRMED EARLIER RUMORS OF AN OUTBREAK OF HEPATITIS
IN THE VICINITY OF ZAKOPANE, A WINTER SPORTS CENTER NEAR
THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER. AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF CASES ARE
REPORTED IN THE REGION BETWEEN ZAKOPANE AND BIALY DUNAJEC, AND
EVEN AS FAR NORTH AS NOWY TARG.

2. LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES HAVE REPORTEDLY DECLARED A
SERIOUS ALERT AND HAVE CANCELLED YOUTH CAMPS AND ALL PUBLIC
MEETINGS. A SYSTEM OF CAREFUL SUPERVISION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED
IN SCHOOLS, STORES, AND PLACES OF WORK. RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN
ADVISED TO BOIL ALL FOOD AND OBTAIN GAMMA GLOBULIN
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IMMUNIZATIONS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. THE DISEASE IS SAID TO BE
PARTICULARLY PREVALENT AMONG CHILDREN.

3. THE EMBASSY'S MEDICAL ADVISOR HAS RECOMMENDED GAMMA
GLOBULIN INNOCULATIONS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS OF THE
CONSULATE IN KRAKOW AS WELL AS FOR ALL EMBASSY EMPLOYEES AND

DEPENDENTS TRAVELING TO THAT REGION.

4. FOR M/MED: REQUEST YOUR ANALYSIS OF SITUATION TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATION ON ADVISABILITY OF IMMUNIZING ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN THE EVENT OF FURTHER SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.

5. FOR FRANKFURT: REQUEST CONGEN PROCURE AND SHIP TO WARSAW GAMMA GLOBULIN FOR IMMUNIZATION OF USG EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS. QUANTITY REQUIRED: ONE BATCH-50 CCS FOR CONSULATE KRAKOW; ONE BATCH-100 CCS FOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL TRAVELING TO EPIDEMIC AREA. FISCAL DATA FOLLOWS: 1970113-5264-754400-2640.
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